They would have me as familiar with men's pockets, as their gloves or their handkerchiefs: which makes much against my manhood, if I should take from another's pocket, to put into mine; for it is plain pocketing up of wrongs. I must leave them, and seek some better service: their villainy goes against my weak stomach, and therefore I must cast it up.

Exit Boy.

Re-enter FLUELLEN, GOWER *following.*

Gow. Captain Fluellen, you must come presently to the mines: the duke of Gloster would speak with you.

FLU. To the mines! tell you the duke, it is not so good to come to the mines: For, look you, the mines is not according to the disciplines of the war; the concavities of it is not sufficient: for, look you, th' athversary (you may discuss unto the duke, look you) is digbt himself four yards under the counter-mines [5]: by Cheshu, I think, 'a will plow up all[6], if there is not better directions.

Gow. The duke of Gloster, to whom the order of the siege is given, is altogether directed by an Irishman; a very valiant gentleman, i' faith.

FLU. It is captain Macmorris, is it not?

GOTF. I think, it be.

FLU. By Cheshu, he is an ass, as in the 'orld: I will verify as much in his beard: he has no more directions in the true disciplines of the wars, look you, of the Roman disciplines, than is a puppy-dog.

Cant phrases are the ephemerons of literature. In the quartos, 1600 and 1608* the passage stands thus: "I knew

by that *they meant* to carry coales." STEEVENS.

[5] — is dight himself four vards under the COUNTERMINES :] Fluellen means, that the enemy had digged himself *countermines:* four yards under the *mines.* JOHNSON.

[6] — will PLOW up all,] That is, he will *blow* up all.

JOHNSON.